

## REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

The Board of Education of the West Central School Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2017. The following members were present Dennis Gutwein, Mandy Sharpe, Todd Miller, Jeff Tanner, Jim Bergens, Jonathan Gutwein, and President Jeff Lowry. Also in attendance were, Lidia Wireman, Emily Centers, Kayli Wireman, Carl Wireman, Leanna Nielsen, Harold Welter, Cathy Risner, Amber Tomlinson, Shannon Fritz, Principals Pat Culp & Dan Zylstra, and Superintendent Don Street.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Dennis Gutwein presented Kayli Wireman with a certificate honoring her at the middle school level. Elementary student of the month, Liam Sanchez and high school student of the month, Zach Sparks were not able to attend. Congratulations are extended to these students!

**MINUTES:** Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2017 as presented. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**REQUISITIONS:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve requisitions 17231 through 17253 for the corporation. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the requisitions were approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the following resignations as presented:

1. Jerilean Hendrickson – Cafeteria
2. Lea Overman – Instructional Assistant
3. Della Myers - Cafeteria

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the resignations were approved.

**LEAVE REQUESTS:** Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the following leave requests as presented.

1. Rebecca Reed – Personal Leave
2. Jennifer Istre – Personal Leave

Todd Miller seconded the motion and the leave requests were approved.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST:** Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the following field trip request as presented:

1. Camp Tecumseh – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camping Trip – May 7-8, 2018

Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the field trip request was approved.

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the following conference requests as presented:

1. IFLTC Conference – November 2-4, 2017- Rebecca Reed
2. School Nutrition Industry Conference – January 21-23, 2018-Jessica Murray

Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the conference requests were approved.

**CHERYL LYN WELTER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:** Harold Welter presented on The Cheryl Lyn Welter Family Charitable Foundation. Cheryl's family has established a tax-exempt 501(c) 3 Charitable Foundation in her name for the purpose of

providing grants to help teachers and others involved with local school children to provide small things that underprivileged students may not be able to afford.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKS:** The recommended changes to the course description books were reviewed. Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve the high school course description book changes for the 2018-19 school year as presented. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**WEST CENTRAL BUILDING CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve Gary Gudeman as the West Central Building Corporation Board Member appointment. Mandy Sharpe seconded the motion and the appointment was approved.

**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SALARY AND BENEFITS:** Jonathan Gutwein made a motion to approve the salary increases for eligible classified staff as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS:** Jim Bergens made a motion to approve the teacher contracts. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the contracts were approved. Teacher salary is based upon 2016-17 evaluations, which is based upon the State ISTEP and State assigned letter grades for schools.

**PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS ADJUSTMENTS:** Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the Principal contracts as presented for the 2017-18 school year. Jim Bergens seconded the motion and the revised contracts were approved.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-19 and 2019-20:** Todd Miller made a motion to approve the school calendar for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The school calendars are very similar to the last several years school calendars. Dennis Gutwein seconded the motion and the school calendar for 2018-19 and 2019-20 were approved.

**HIGH ABILITY GRANT:** Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the High Ability Grant as presented. Jonathan Gutwein seconded the motion and the High Ability Grant was approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Mr. Zylstra reported that the elementary celebrated Family Literacy Night on Thursday, November 2 along with the Book Fair the entire week. On Tuesday, November 14 Student Council will be hosting their Turkey Twist Dance. That same night, while the students dance, parents are invited to a presentation from Sgt. Terry Hall on "Body Safety." He will be presenting to all students K-12 on November 15. The elementary school's professional development time has been spent examining math content and instruction. On December 1 the elementary school will hold its 2nd "Math Fact Master" prize room, offering prizes to students based on the number of points they earned during the months of October and November.

Mr. Culp reported that all middle/high school students and staff are invited to attend the annual Veteran's Day program at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 10. West Central graduate Eric Rodriguez will be the speaker. Following the program, lunch will be served to the veterans in the media center. The Body Safety Program will be presented to parents on Tuesday, November 14 and to students in grades K-12 on Wednesday, November 15 by Sgt. Terry Hall. The program is designed to empower children without scaring them. The program gives information on signals and myths of abuse. Teachers and parents will learn how to handle a report on an incident of abuse. Parents will have

the opportunity to learn about the program on Tuesday, November 14. On November 29 at 1:30 PM, Champions Together will be presenting at West Central High School. Champions Together is a collaborative partnership between the Indiana High School Athletic Association and Special Olympics Indiana that promotes servant leadership among student athletes, while changing their lives, as well as the lives of those with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics International is supporting Champions Together as a model program to activate schools through "Project Unify," which also has the endorsement of the National Federation of High Schools.

Mr. Street and the board discussed the possibility of utilizing the former drug store building. The importance of pre-school programs for children was discussed. West Central received a 100% compliance on an Indiana Department of Education audit on special education IEP's. Mr. Street reviewed the security and utilization of space project. The Capital Projects Fund will be used for the replacement of the middle school/auxiliary gym roof this summer as well as other projects.

CLAIMS: Dennis Gutwein made a motion to approve claims 1281 through 1418 for the corporation. Todd Miller seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jeff Lowry asked the board if there was any further business. Being none, the president adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Jeff Lowry, President

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Jim Bergens, Secretary